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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-57 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to a communication filed on 04/25/05. Claims 1-8 and 10-57 are pending and claim 9 is canceled.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, and 10-37 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
3. Applicant's arguments, (see pages 20-21), filed on 04/25/05 with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 38-57 under U.S.C. 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Platzker et al. (USPN 6388654), Hendriks (USPN 6707444) and Ishizawa et al. (USPN 5864638).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 1-8, 10-16 and 23-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Platzker et al. (USPN 6388654) in view of Hendriks (USPN 6707444) and Rodriguez (USPN 5826962).

Regarding claims 1, 23-24, and 31, Platzker teaches an image sensor (22) to capture images of a local writing surface (21) continuously into a computer (23). Platzker teaches a projector (24) projecting the computer generated computer display image onto the writing surface (21) interposed with the projected image(col. 6, lines 35-45 and Fig. 2A). Platzker discloses a local storage device (26) in connection with the arrangement discussed above (Fig. 2A) and indicates that the steps including the projection mechanism are implemented using computer software, resident and operation in the computer device (23). See col. 5, lines 57-61, col. 6, lines 2-5 and Fig. 3. Platzker also teaches a plurality of image processing sites (A through E) interconnected by a communication infrastructure (11), which may be local area network (LAN), Internet or other types of communication channel. See col. 5, lines 17-35 and Fig. 1.

However, Platzker does not teach, projection from a rear side, and a photography part photographing an image drawn on the writing surface from the rear side.

Hendriks on the other hand teaches a rear projection system including a screen 2' which is typically translucent so that light pen 4' can be tracked by the camera 8' via reflecting mirror (5), and so that the user on one side of the screen can view the images projected on the other side of the screen by the projector 6'. See Fig. 1B (2', 4', 8'), col. 2, lines 65-67 and col. 3, lines 1-25)..

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Platzker's projection system shown in Fig. 2A to incorporate Hendriks' rear projection as demonstrated in Fig. 1 because the use of rear projection helps function a projector with camera arrangement in as taught by Hendriks (col. 3, lines 41-45).

Platzker does not teach, "a blocking part blocking a light beam emitted from a projecting part projecting the light beam onto the projection surface so as to display the projection image thereon, wherein the blocking part blocks the light beam emitted from projecting part so as to prevent all of the light beam from being applied to the projection surface".

Rodriguez on the other hand teaches a movable shutter member 62, (see Fig. 5 (62)) as a light blocking means, which is movably mounted in housing 12 and functions as a means for blocking light beam D from projecting to overhead projector member 13 (col. 3, lines 62-67, col.4, lines 1-2 and Fig. 5 (62)).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Platzker's projection system shown in Fig. 2a to incorporate Rodriguez' movable shutter member (62) as configured in Fig. 5 because the use of shutter helps as light blocking tool for a projector as taught by Rodriguez (col. 3, lines 62-67).

Regarding claim 2, Hendriks teaches a movable infrared (IR) light emitter on a stylus located at some point in the projection plane. See col. 4, lines 23-30.

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Regarding claim 3, as shown in Fig. 2A, Platzker teaches a projection surface and writing surface being one and the same. See Fig. 2A (21).

Regarding claims 4, 25, and 32, Platzker discloses that a combination resulting from local markings and projections of remote site's markings appear on the local projection surface. See col. 3, lines 18-33.

Regarding claims 5, 26, and 33, Platzker teaches as shown in Fig. 1 that each site A, B and C can operate in either receive mode, transmit mode or both simultaneously. See col. 5, lines 21-26.

Regarding claim 6, Platzker discloses a calibration process with respect to an image sensor (22) and a writing surface (21). See col. 8, lines 24-42.

Regarding claim 7, Platzker teaches writing surfaces of sites A, B and C as shown in Fig. 1 as [21A] through [21C] as well as projection surface [21D] of site D and monitor [12] of site E. See col. 6, lines 13-19 and Fig. 1.

Regarding claim 8, Platzker teaches the inputs and output of the image process including the changes in local markings and changes in projections with respect to a writing surface (21). See col. 10, lines 19-41.

Regarding claims 10, 27-28, and 35-36, Platzker teaches the image sensor is optimally focused at each time. Platzker adds that the focusing of projections can be either performed manually to the user's satisfaction or it can be performed automatically. It would have been obvious that one can use the focusing which equivalently provides the desired "shifting of a photography area". See col. 7, lines 58-63. Platzker also teaches that production of composite

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images that can be created by merging any number of input images. See col. 10, lines 67 and col. 11, lines 1-3.

Regarding claim 11, Platzker teaches that a pixel that is part of the writing in one or more input images will be assigned a non-background color, and elaborates a merging algorithm that applies to a relatively small number of pixels. See col. 11, lines 8-23.

Regarding claims 12, 15-16, 29-30, 34, and 37, Platzker teaches a computer processing the viewed image signals or "frames" representing the images appearing in the viewing field of the local image sensor indicative the markings made on the writing surface. Platzker also teaches changes are detected between successive frames that would lead to compressed representation of changes. See col. 4, lines 24-43.

Regarding claims 13-14, Hendriks teaches that the images projected by the camera on the screen, representing the user's writing strokes, and are derived from a display screen buffer. Hendriks also teaches that the contents of the display screen buffer depend on optical screen marking events such as those generated by the light pen.

5. Claims 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Platzker in view of Hendriks and Rodriguez as applied to claims 1-16 and further in view of Dreyer et al. (USPN 5504544).

Regarding claims 17-18, Platzker as modified has been discussed above. Particularly, Hendriks teaches a bright IR source which illuminates the whiteboard. However, Platzker as

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modified does not teach a lighting part illuminating the writing surface from a side as well as opposite to a side on which the photography part is provided.

Dreyer on the other hand teaches that light is directed in to illuminate one of the two sides of linear prisms before directing toward an optical window as a collimated beam (col. 3, lines 7-15 and Fig. 3 (9)).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify the modified Platzker's projection system shown in Fig. 2a to adapt Dreyer's illumination with respect to prisms as demonstrated in Fig. 3 because illumination of linear prisms provides an efficient projection system as taught by Dreyer (col. 2, lines 5-8)

Regarding claims 19-20, Dreyer teaches a projection system with multiple lamps and illustrates symmetric Pyrex condenser (29), which forms an elliptical shaped beam (Fig. 8). See the abstract

Regarding claims 21-22, Dreyer discloses the integration of light from multiple sources such that high chromatic dispersion of the refracting elements is taken into account. See col. 1, lines 66-70 and col. 2, lines 1-2.

6. Claims 38-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Platzker et al. (USPN 6388654) in view Hendriks (USPN 6707444) and Ishizawa et al. (USPN 5864638).

Regarding claim 38, Platzker teaches an image sensor (22) to capture images of a local writing surface (21) continuously into a computer (23). Platzker teaches a projector (24)

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projecting the computer generated computer display image onto the writing surface (21) interposed with the projected image. See col. 6, lines 35-45 and Fig. 2A. Platzker discloses a local storage device (26) in connection with the arrangement discussed above (Fig. 2A) and indicates that the steps including the projection mechanism are implemented using computer software, resident and operation in the computer device (23). See col. 5, lines 57-61, col. 6, lines 2-5 and Fig. 3. Platzker also teaches a plurality of image processing sites (A through E) interconnected by a communication infrastructure (11), which may be local area network (LAN), Internet or other types of communication channel. See col. 5, lines 17-35 and Fig. 1.

However, Platzker does not teach, projection from a rear side, and a photography part photographing an image drawn on the writing surface from the rear side.

Hendriks on the other hand teaches a rear projection system including a screen 2' which is typically translucent so that light pen 4' can be tracked by the camera 8' via reflecting mirror (5), and so that the user on one side of the screen can view the images projected on the other side of the screen by the projector 6'. See Fig. 1B (2', 4', 8'), col. 2, lines 65-67 and col. 3, lines 1-25).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Platzker's projection system shown in Fig. 2A to incorporate Hendriks' rear projection as demonstrated in Fig. 1 because the use of rear projection helps function a projector with camera arrangement in as taught by Hendriks (col. 3, lines 41-45).

Platzker does not teach “a shifting part shifting a photography area of the photography part on the writing surface”.

Ishizawa (5864638) on the other hand teaches that when an operator designates shifting of the photographic area 230 with the PD 205, the photographic area 230 is shifted in the frame buffer 202, as shown in FIG. 25(d) and the corresponding photographic area on CRT 203 is shifted accordingly (col. 13, lines 35-43).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Platzker's image projection shown in Fig. 2A to incorporate Ishizawa's shifting of photographic areas as demonstrated in Fig. 25 because shifting of photographic areas helps image editing procedures as taught by Ishizawa (col. 3, lines 22-24).

Regarding claim 39, Hendriks teaches a movable infrared (IR) light emitter on a stylus located at some point in the projection plane. See col. 4, lines 23-30.

Regarding claim 40, as shown in Fig. 2A, Platzker teaches a projection surface and writing surface being one and the same. See Fig. 2A (21).

Regarding claim 41, Platzker discloses that a combination resulting from local markings and projections of remote site's markings appear on the local projection surface. See col. 3, lines 18-33.

Regarding claim 42, Platzker teaches as shown in Fig. 1 that each site A, B and C can operate in either receive mode, transmit mode or both simultaneously. See col. 5, lines 21-26.

Regarding claim 43, Platzker discloses a calibration process with respect to an image sensor (22) and a writing surface (21). See col. 8, lines 24-42.

Regarding claim 44, Platzker teaches writing surfaces of sites A, B and C as shown in Fig. 1 as [21A] through [21C] as well as projection surface [21D] of site D and monitor [12] of sit E. See col. 6, lines 13-19 and Fig. 1.

Regarding claim 45, Platzker teaches the inputs and output of the image process including the changes in local markings and changes in projections with respect to a writing surface (21). See col. 10, lines 19-41.

Regarding claims 46-47, Platzker teaches the image sensor is optimally focused at each time. Platzker adds that the focusing of projections can be either performed manually to the user's satisfaction or it can be performed automatically. It would have been obvious that one can use the focusing which equivalently provides the desired "shifting of a photography area". See col. 7, lines 58-63. Platzker also teaches that production of composite images that can be created by merging any number of input images. See col. 10, lines 67 and col. 11, lines 1-3.

Regarding claims 48-49, Hendriks teaches that the images projected by the camera on the screen, representing the user's writing strokes, and are derived from a display screen buffer. Hendriks also teaches that the contents of the display screen buffer depend on optical screen marking events such as those generated by the light pen.

Regarding claims 50-51, Platzker teaches a computer processing the viewed image signals or "frames" representing the images appearing in the viewing field of the local image sensor indicative the markings made on the writing surface. Platzker also teaches changes are

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detected between successive frames that would lead to compressed representation of changes.

See col. 4, lines 24-43.

7. Claims 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Platzker in view of Hendriks and Ishizawa as applied in claims 38-51 and further in view of Dreyer et al. (USPN 5504544).

Regarding claims 52-53, Platzker as modified has been discussed above. Particularly, Hendriks teaches a bright IR source which illuminates the whiteboard. However, Platzker as modified does not teach a lighting part illuminating the writing surface from a side as well as opposite to a side on which the photography part is provided.

Dreyer on the other hand teaches that light is directed in to illuminate one of the two sides of linear prisms before directing toward an optical window as a collimated beam (col. 3, lines 7-15 and Fig. 3 (9)).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to further modify the modified Platzker's projection system shown in Fig. 2a to adapt Dreyer's illumination with respect to prisms as demonstrated in Fig. 3 because illumination of linear prisms provides an efficient projection system as taught by Dreyer (col. 2, lines 5-8)

Regarding claims 54-55, Dreyer teaches a projection system with multiple lamps and illustrates symmetric Pyrex condenser (29), which forms an elliptical shaped beam (Fig. 8). See the abstract

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Regarding claims 56-57, Dreyer discloses the integration of light from multiple sources such that high chromatic dispersion of the refracting elements is taken into account. See col. 1, lines 66-70 and col. 2, lines 1-2.

Conclusion


8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The flowing art is cited for further reference.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,970,260 to Nakayam et al.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abbas I. Abdulsalam whose telephone number is 7033058591. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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